

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an automatic paper feed apparatus which can reliably prevent papers from being discharged in an overlapped state in spite of simple construction. The automatic paper feed apparatus comprises a paper feed roller 6 for automatically feeding a plurality of papers 2 in order from uppermost one, the plurality of papers 2 being contained in a cassette 5 in a stacked state. A holding member 16 having flexibility is provided so that the holding member 16 comes into contact with the paper 2 to generate a friction force weaker than that between the paper feed roller 6 and the paper 2.